Setting up a base off Andamans by China

1805. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Sunday Mail of 5th July, 1992 regarding setting up a base off Andamans by China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Government have been the news report under reference but do not have any confirmed information in the matter. Government maintain a constant watch on all such developments and take timely measures to ensure preparedness.

NCC training

1806. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of High and Senior Secondary Schools in Maharashtra where N.C.C. training is being imparted at present;

(b) whether the Government have received any request for starting N.C.C. divisions in some more Schools in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to start N.C.C. training in more Schools in the State during 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) NCC training is being imparted in 14 Higher Secondary Schools and 442 High Schools in Maharashtra.

(b) The NCC Directorate, Maharashtra, has received requests from 101 schools for starting NCC activities.

(c) and (d) Maharashtra has been allotted additional cedet strength of 1400 in the Junior Division (JD) and Junior Wing (JW) as given below:

JD Army for Navodaya Vidyalayas	300
JD Army for others	600
JD Navy	200
JD Air	100
JW Girls for Navodaya Vidyalayas	100
JW Girls—Others	100
	1400

Enquiry into submarine deal

1807. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the enquiry into the HDW submarine deal; and

(b) the action taken by Government in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The matter having been entrusted to the CBI, their investigations are in progress. They have completed examination of a number of persons and also sought the assistance/cooperation in the investigation from the concerned foreign Governments/Courts.

Joint Naval and Air exercise

1808. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Joint Naval exercise that India had recently with the U.S. Navy;

(b) whether there is any proposals to have joint naval or airforce exercises